

HHSC Contractor Conference Call February 19, 2016

Welcome

Lesley French, Associate Commissioner of Women's Health Services, welcomed callers and instructed participants who had not received a copy of the materials to email famplan@hhsc.state.tx.us for a copy.

Purpose of Call

Travis Duke, Director of the Office of Women's Health, explained that the purpose of the call was to update current and future contractors regarding upcoming funding opportunities related to women's health.

Funding Opportunities for Women's Health and Family Planning Services

The 84th Legislature directed HHSC to develop a new women's health program by combining two existing programs, the Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) and the Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) program. The new program, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), will launch on July 1, 2016.

HTW:

Fee-for-Service (FFS):

Replaces TWHP and the fee-for-service portion of EPHC

Cost Reimbursement:

- The Healthy Texas Women Cost Reimbursement program provides funds to agencies that support the overall outcomes of services through the HTW Fee-for-Service program. These funds may be used for support services that enhance HTW Fee-for-Service client service delivery.
- To receive funds, agencies must be awarded contracts through a competitive request for proposal process that will be conducted in the spring of 2016.

Enhanced FP Program

- Replaces the current Family Planning program.
- Services will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service and cost reimbursement basis.
- To receive funds, agencies must be awarded contracts through a competitive request for proposal process that will be conducted in the spring of 2016.

Current Program End Dates

EPHC

The EPHC Program will end on **August 31, 2016**. Current contractors may bill for claims for dates of service through August 31, 2016. There will be the usual 60 day period allotted to contractors to complete billing for the program. Final claims for dates of service August 31, 2016 and prior must be submitted by October 31, 2016. Current EPHC providers will need to assist current clients to transition to the new HTW or FP programs by August 31, 2016.

TWHP

TWHP will end on **June 30, 2016**. Providers who are currently certified to provide TWHP services will automatically be eligible to provide services through the HTW (Fee-for-Service) program beginning July 1, 2016. Current TWHP client eligibility will also automatically transition to the HTW (Fee-for-Service) program beginning July 1, 2016.

Family Planning

The current FP Program will end on **June 30, 2016**. The enhanced FP program will offer additional services, but will continue to operate as it currently does. Current contractors may bill for claims for dates of service through June 30, 2016. There will be the usual 45 day period allotted to contractors to complete billing for the program. Final claims for dates of service June 30, 2016 and prior must be submitted by August 15, 2016. There will not be a reduction in current contract levels. Current contractors are encouraged to adjust accordingly to ensure the maximum amount of funds are expended by June 30, 2016.

Upcoming Requests for Proposals (RFPs)

RFPs for both the HTW and the FP Programs will be released by HHSC in spring 2016. The start date for contracts resulting from these RFPs will be July 1, 2016. All eligible providers are encouraged to apply, including current Title X family planning providers.

Family Planning RFP

An RFP for Family Planning Program services will be released by HHSC in spring 2016. The start date for contracts resulting from this RFP will be July 1, 2016. For details on the new Family Planning program see “Enhanced Family Planning Program Description” below. All eligible providers are encouraged to apply, including current Title X family planning providers.

Healthy Texas Women (Cost Reimbursement) RFP

An RFP will be released by HHSC in spring 2016. The start date for contracts resulting from this RFP will be July 1, 2016. For details on the HTW (Cost Reimbursement) program see “HTW Cost Reimbursement Description” below. All eligible providers are encouraged to apply, including current Title X family planning providers.

HTW Fee-For-Service Description

Eligibility Criteria & Determination

- Women only
- Client must be age $15 \leq 44$ (minors must have a parent or legal guardian apply on their behalf)
- Clients must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Clients must be a U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant
- Client must not be pregnant
- Eligibility determination through the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS)

Covered Services

All current TWHP benefits, including:

- Contraceptive Services
- Pap tests

- Clinical breast exams
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Preconception health screenings (e.g., screening for obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, smoking, and mental health)
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) services
- Sterilizations

New services include:

- Treatment for certain chronic conditions *
- Medications to treat hypertension
- Medications to treat diabetes
- Medications to treat high cholesterol
- Breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. (optional)
- Radiological procedures including mammograms
- Breast and cervical biopsies
- Dysplasia services
- Immunizations (optional)

* Medications will be reimbursed through the Vendor Drug Program

Billing

Providers will bill on a fee-for-service basis through the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) using the CMS 1500 or 2017 Family Planning Claim form. Rates will be based on Texas Medicaid rates and all Medicaid claims filing and appeals deadlines will apply.

Federally Qualified Health Centers will receive their Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.

Provider Certification

In order to be eligible to provide services, HTW Fee-for-Service providers must certify that they do not perform or promote elective abortions. Current certified TWHP providers will be grandfathered into HTW FFS on July 1, 2016 and will not be required to re-certify.

HTW Cost Reimbursement Description

The Healthy Texas Women Cost Reimbursement program provides funds to agencies that support the overall outcomes of clients provided services through the HTW Fee-for-Service program. Activities must include:

- Assisting clients with enrollment into the HTW Fee-for-Service program;
- Client and community based educational activities related to HTW;
- Staff development and training related to HTW service delivery;
- Direct clinical care for clients deemed presumptively eligible for the HTW Fee-for-Service program; or
- Upon approval by HHSC, other activities that will enhance HTW service delivery including the purchase of equipment and supplies to support the project.

The RFP will list the type of services and the goal for the use of funds. Funds are intended to be

expended on activities that enhance client outcomes for clients seen through HTW FFS. If funds are used to provide direct care for clients presumed eligible for the HTW FFS program, contractors will be required to provide documentation that explains why the client is presumed eligible before providing services.

Billing

HTW Cost Reimbursement contractors may seek reimbursement for project costs by submitting monthly vouchers for expenses outlined in a categorical budget approved by HHSC.

HTW funds will be disbursed to contractors through a voucher system as expenses are incurred during the contract term. Contractors must develop a categorical budget, where costs may be allocated to any of the following categories the contractor identifies during its budget development process. Final budgets (including equipment purchases) must be approved by HHSC:

- Personnel
- Fringe Benefits
- Travel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Contractual
- Other
- Indirect Costs

Reimbursement is requested by using a purchase voucher and supporting schedule. Vouchers and supporting documentation must be submitted monthly within 30 days following the end of the month in which the costs were incurred. Program income from the HTW Fee-for-Service claims payment must be expended before HTW Categorical funds are requested through the voucher process. Contractors must submit vouchers monthly even if program income equals or exceeds program expenses. When program expenses exceed program income, the monthly voucher will result in a payment.

The only funds included in the HTW Cost Reimbursement Categorical budget is the total amount of HTW Fee-for-Service reimbursement and HTW Cost Reimbursement funds.

Enhanced Family Planning Program Description

Many aspects of the Family Planning program will not change from current policy. The primary changes are in the age of eligible clients and the addition of new services.

Eligibility Criteria & Determination

- Women and men are eligible
- Clients must be age 64 or younger (Minors must continue to have parental consent);
- Clients must be at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Clients must be Texas residents
- Clients must not be eligible for any similar program, including the HTW Fee-for-Service program

- Eligibility will continue to be determined at the point of service by Family Planning Program contractors

HHSC will work with contractors to ensure clients seen in the FP program who are potentially eligible for the HTW program are eventually moved over to HTW.

Covered Services

All current Family Planning Program benefits, including:

- Contraceptive Services
- Pap tests
- Clinical breast exams
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Preconception health screenings (e.g., screening for obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, smoking, and mental health)
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) services
- Sterilizations

New Services include:

- Breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services (optional)
- Radiological procedures including mammograms
- Breast and cervical biopsies
- Dysplasia services
- Immunizations (optional)
- Prenatal Services (optional)

Billing

Contractors will still be allowed up to a 50-50 split in the contract awards. If a contractor receives both categorical and FFS funds for FP they will be allowed to allocate up to 50% of the total award toward cost reimbursement. Contractors will also be allowed to allocate 100% fee for service, but will only be allowed up to 50% of the total award for the cost reimbursement component.

FFS claims will be submitted on the 2017 Claim Form. WHS staff is working to enable the 1500 Claim Form to be used for FP claim submission. The implementation date for this has not been set.

For contractors with cost reimbursement, changes to the budget and reporting of Program Income (PI) have occurred. For FP FFS funds and client co-pays will be considered Program Income.

Transition Plan for EPHC Clients

Current TWHP clients will be automatically transferred to the new HTW Program. TWHP clients will receive a new HTW card in the mail. Contractors will not be required to take any further action.

If a current EPHC client is eligible for TWHP, we encourage all providers to transition the client to TWHP prior to July 1st so that they can be automatically enrolled in HTW. If the client does not enroll in TWHP they will be able to access services for a short time period after July 1st, but will eventually need to apply for HTW or the new FP to continue to receive services.

Clients who don't qualify for HTW will need to be transitioned to the FP program.

If a contractor does not have sufficient FP funds, they will need to create a referral partnership with a nearby provider before July 1st so clients can continue to receive services.

HTW Reimbursement

HTW reimbursement will not be as restrictive as TWHP. In TWHP, only contraceptive-related visits were reimbursed.. In HTW, certified providers will not need to have a contraceptive related diagnosis attached to every claim in order for it to pay. However, every client will need to have at least one family planning related service during their 12 month coverage period. The policy surrounding this requirement is still being developed and additional details on the policy will be provided to HTW providers in the future.